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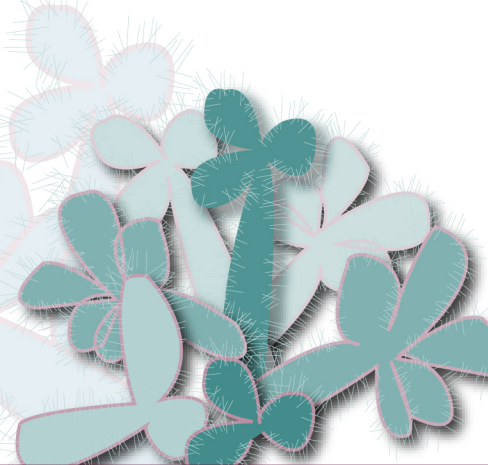
Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council recently appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Cholla District residents who have volunteered to serve:

Darrell Criswell – Arts Commission (chair); and Linda Yaeger –Commission on Persons with Disabilities.

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council.

To request an application to serve on a city advisory group or for more information, click here or call the Council Office at (623) 930-2249. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale.

Construction Updates. The 57th Avenue bridge over the Skunk Creek Wash (north of Union Hills Road) is scheduled to be open by this weekend. This project contributes to the Council's goal of a city with high quality services for citizens by providing transportation options for Glendale commuters and visitors, and providing safe all-weather access to the Foothills Library and Aquatics Center. The 330-foot long bridge will replace the low flow culvert structure crossing and includes a multi-use path under the bridge, approach roadway, curb, gutter, streetlights, landscaping, creek channelization and bank protection.

The irrigation tower that once stood on 63rd Avenue north of Union Hills Drive has been removed. Associated construction on road improvements adjacent to the site will be complete by the end of next week.

Glendale Celebrates Veterans – November 7. Honor our Veterans – Those who served and those serving – from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, November 7 at Westgate City Center. Free admission, free parking, and lots of family fun! Enjoy military displays, patriotic music, entertainment, food and beverages, petting zoo and military benefits information. Event activities include a Patriotic Program at 11 a.m. sponsored by the Veteran's Coalition. Westgate City Center is located at Loop 101 and Glendale Avenue. Click here for more information.

Veterans Day Closure. City of Glendale offices, all three public libraries and the city landfill will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day. Click here to view the Sanitation Department's holiday collection calendar.

Glendale Family Bike Rodeo. Cool temps make for perfect bicycle riding and the city of Glendale is offering a bike rodeo to prepare kids for the bicycle season.

Staff from the Glendale transportation and police departments will be teaching bicycle safety and instruction to kids ages 5-13 on Saturday, November 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Sierra Verde Elementary School, located at 7241 W. Rose Garden Lane (north of Loop 101).

The Glendale Family Bike Rodeo was created to promote safety awareness and to provide real-life scenarios to help kids learn how to maneuver and make quick decisions while riding a bike.

Bike rodeo participants will go through an obstacle skills course, featuring five interactive learning stations. Individuals will learn how to ride safely and get tips on what to do in real situations.

The safety lessons include how to properly fit your helmet; a safety checklist to ensure your bike is ready to ride; how to ride out of the driveway safely; how to safely deal with an intersection; learning to control a bike while looking over the shoulder; and how to avoid street hazards, such as rocks in the path of a bike.

All riders must wear helmets. Helmets will be available for purchase at the rodeo for $10. Parents must sign a waiver for each child who participates. Each child will receive a certificate of completion for basic bicycle training, along with reflectors and glow in the dark bracelets. National Honor Society students will be assisting at the stations, along with volunteer parents.

For more information on the Glendale Bike Rodeo, call (623) 930-2032.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.

Glendale Foothills Library Fall Book Sale. Foothills Branch Library is gearing up for its semi-annual book sale, which will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. The Fall Book Sale will be held in the meeting rooms and has something for everyone.

Expect to find fiction and non-fiction books, children's books, and even movies, recorded books and CDs, depending on donations from the community. The tables are jam-packed with bargains and treasures ranging from Dr. Seuss to Shakespeare. The final hour becomes a shopper's dream, with $1.00 bags. The library supplies the bag, and bargain hunters can fill them with whatever is left.

Glendale Foothills Branch Library is located at 19055 N. 57th Ave. For more information on this event call (623) 930-3849.

Free Landscape Class: Garden Walk and Talk. Take a casual stroll through the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden with Water Conservation staff and learn about the unique adaptations that allow water efficient plants to survive and thrive in the low desert. Close-toed shoes, hat, and water are recommended. Join us from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 at the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. Please register by calling (623) 930-3760.

National Gaming Day – November 14. The Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., is joining with Bookmans Entertainment Exchange and LAN Speed Games to bring National Gaming Day to Glendale. The free activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will include a morning of fun and games, an afternoon of LAN speed games, a Mario Kart Wii tournament, and an ultimate gamer tournament. Some activities require registration. Prizes will be awarded to tournament winners. Snacks will be provided. To sign up or for more information call (623) 930-3537 and press "6."

Midwestern University Community Health Lecture. Join us for "Medications for People with Diabetes: Know the Basics to Help You Achieve Your Goals." Samantha Karr, Pharm.D., BCPS, will talk about medications for Diabetes and why the medications may not be working as well as you expected. The program will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17 at the Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Avenue, in the Roadrunner Room. Reservations are not necessary. Call (623) 930-3846 for more information.

Live at the Library. Soprano Chelsea Camille and guitarist David Isaacs are stopping in Glendale as part of a southwestern tour at 7 p.m., Thursday, November 19 in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. These California natives will be performing pieces that span the centuries from the Renaissance to the 20th Century. For more information call (623) 930-3573.

Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Luke West Valley Recreation Committee has announced the date and location for the 2nd Annual Luke West Valley Senior Games. The Games will take place on Saturday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendship Park which is located at 12325 West McDowell Road in Avondale.

The Luke West Valley Senior Games is a collaborative effort held in conjunction with the West Valley cities' Recreation Departments and partners. The event will include Olympic style sports competitions for our active seniors aged 50 and up. Registration is $15 per person, per event and accepted through Nov. 13.

Events include men's competitive 3-on-3 basketball; men's, women's and coed bocce, men's and women's singles and coed competitive horseshoes; men's and women's singles, mixed doubles and competitive pickle ball; men's and women's competitive push/press weightlifting; and men's and women's softball. A free one-mile fun walk will also be held.

There will also be a health fair and senior related vendors for everyone in attendance. Lunch will be provided for both athletes and spectators. Click here or call (623) 930-2842 for more information.